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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: "Does the Gauge on Your Canner Need Adjustment?" information from extension canning specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture

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Would you like to know what the chance is...that the gauge on your pressure canner needs adjustment?

Extension canning specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture say "the chance is high". They base their answer on reports from state home demonstration agents.

Like this one from Arkansas..."Of more than eight thousand pressure canners tested last year...one-third of them needed to have the gauges adjusted "

Or this one from Missouri..."Gauges on half of the pressure canners tested were in need of adjustment. More than nine thousand canners were checked in all."

In one California community...where 83 canners were checked ..the gauges on only 89..less than half of them. .recorded the right pressure for safe processing.. Some tested low...14 were high...and on six canners...the gauges were so inaccurate that canning specialists recommended the purchase of new gauges.

These are typical of reports that have reached Washington from all over the country.

The chance is high that the gauge on your pressure canner may need adjustment. You'll find it easier to make the adjustment...if you have the pressure canner checked now. .at the beginning of the season.

If you'd like further information...get in touch with your county home demonstration agent. She'll tell you where you can get your pressure canner checked.

